

Applicant : Hitoshi KUMA  
In Re : Not yet assigned  
Filed : Herewith  
Page : 5 of 5

Attorney's Docket No.: 28955.1055

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include a priority statement. Claims 1-8 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies in order to reduce the filing fee.

In view of the foregoing, early action on the merits is respectfully requested.  
Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 19-4293.

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Roger W. Parkhurst  
Reg. No. 25,177

Date: October 21, 2005  
Steptoe & Johnson LLP  
1330 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20036-1795  
Telephone: 202 429-3000  
Facsimile: 202 429-3902